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SUBJECT: CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

1. IN A NOTE TO THE DELEGATES OF THE OECD INDUSTRY COMMITTEE DATED FEB. 24, 1978, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR. A. J. WOODS (AUSTRALIA), INDICATED HE WILL BE UNABLE TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN AFTER THE APRIL MEETING. HE HAS SUGGESTED THAT ELECTION OF A NEW CHAIRMAN BE PLACED AS THE LAST ITEM ON THE AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 6 SESSION. PRELIMINARY THINKING IN WASHINGTON IS THAT THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATE, MR. O GOETHE, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY MIGHT BE SUITABLE REPLACEMENT FOR WOODS.

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2. U.S. DELEGATE DAVID PETERSON FROM DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, WILL BE IN PARIS MARCH 13-16 AND INTENDS TO DISCUSS WOODS' SUCCESSOR WITH THE OECD SECRETARIAT. THERE WILL ALSO UNDOUBTEDLY BE CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THIS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE VIEWS OF EMBASSY OSLO AND USOECD ON THE SUITABILITY OF

MR. GOETHE FOR THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE INDUSTRY COMMITTEE.
WE WOULD APPRECIATE REPLIES BEFORE COB MARCH 10. VANCE

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